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SUBJECT: ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY: PRIORITY TO VESSELS CARRYING
PETROLEUM PRODUCTS

1. THE ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY AUTHORITY PUBLISHED ON
NOV. 9 NOTICE NO. 17 OF 1973. TEXT FOLLOWS:
QUOTE. THIS NOTICE CANCELS AND SUPERSEDES SEAWAY
NOTICE NO. 16 OF NOVEMBER 9, 1973. MARINERS ARE
ADVISED THAT EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY ALL VESSELS CARRYING
PETROLEUM PRODUCTS WILL BE GIVEN PRIORITY TO TRANSIT
THE WELLAND CANAL AND THE MONTREAL-LAKE ONTARIO
SECTION OF THE ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY.
QUOTE. THE PRIORITY WILL APPLY TO ALL VESSELS INVOLVED
IN THIS TRADE IN BOTH THE UPBOUND AND DOWNBOUND
DIRECTIONS.
QUOTE. MASTERS OF VESSELS ENGAGED IN THE MOVEMENT OF
PETROLEUM PRODUCTS ARE REQUIRED TO NOTIFY THE
APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC CONTROL CENTER. END QUOTE.

2. NOTICE NO. 16 RESTRICTED PRIORITY SYSTEM TO
VESSELS CARRYING CRUDE OIL FROM WEST (I.E. SARNIA).
RULE NOW COVERS VESSELS MOVING IN BOTH DIRECTIONS TO
FACILITATE MOVEMENTS OF REFINED PRODUCTS FROM MONTREAL
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TO EASTERN LAKE ONTARIO POINTS.

3. SEAWAY OFFICIAL OTTAWA ADVISED EMBASSY THAT PRIORITY POLICY WAS JOINTLY AGREED WITH US SEAWAY CORPORATION AT INITIATIVE OF GOC, BUT PERSONALLY WAS NOT AWARE WHETHER CORPORATION WAS HAPPY WITH PROPOSAL. NUMBER OF VESSELS LIKELY TO EXERCISE PRIORITY DIFFICULT TO ESTIMATE AT PRESENT TIME IN VIEW LIMITED DURATION OF NAVIGATION SEASON (THROUGH APPROXIMATELY DECEMBER 16) AND NEED INDUCE SHIPS INTO TRADE BETWEEN SARNIA AND MONTREAL. SOURCE STATED IT WAS UNLIKELY THAT EXERCISE OF PRIORITIES WOULD DISRUPT OTHER SHIPPING IN SEAWAY THIS YEAR AS GREAT CRUSH WHICH CHARACTERIZED SITUATION LAST YEAR WITH TREMENDOUS END OF SEASON GRAIN MOVEMENTS NOT LIKELY TO BE REPEATED.
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